

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Elder's Commission Regular Meeting
5656 Ap Gish Mok Blvd., Community Center,
October 2, 2019**

Meeting called at 5:30 p.m. by Richard Wemigwase, Chairman;

Roll Call Commission: Richard Wemigwase, Chairman; Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; JoAnn Carey, Treasurer; and Janice Shackleford, Commissioner.

Staff Absent: Mary Roberts, Elder Department Director;

Guest: Tamela Okuly-Shananaquet, LTBB Elders Coordinator; Michael Smith, Ronald Smith, John Gasco, John Kewaygama, LTBB Tribal Elders;

Commission reviewed the Agenda.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the agenda as amended; Janice Shackleford, Treasurer; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commission reviewed the Minutes of September 10, 2019

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Treasurer; to approve the September 10, 2019 meeting minutes as presented; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commission reviewed the Work Session Minutes of September 24, 2019

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Treasurer; to approve the September 24, 2019 Work Session minutes as presented; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; to approve the phone poll September 26, 2019; into the record, Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Public Comment opened at 6:08 p.m.

John Kawegoma commented on the Direct Client Service Assistance Policy and concerns of the elders department and transportation needs, the purpose of the van was to pick up the slack of the clinic for dr. appointments, John said that the Elders commission was strong armed by the Executive department and have no backbone; John Gasco spoke on the low income of elders and the fact that elders cannot get a part time job, the income limit should be more than 1,000 once a year, the commission has done an injustice; Mike Smith, read the commission statement section 4 duties advice and aid of program, enhance services, put people on the commission that would just be yes people and not stand up for elders, was going to put us out on the street when brother had by-pass surgery in the winter, we have a trust issue here with the commission to help our people, the position was vacant for a long time – that should show you something; Tammy Oakly worked on the policies and knows that the work that the commission has been done on the policies; John Kawegoma spoke on the Direct Client Services Assistance Policy, this is not the best way to help our elders, need more money available for those who need them; Mike Smith, CBC statute section 9, B written recommendations may make a report outlining their position/opposition; Public Comment closed at 6:37 p.m.

Break at 6:38 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6:45

Budget Report – JoAnn Carey, Treasurer

Financials were reviewed and discussed;

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to approve the Budget Report with as presented by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Commissioner Report – Commissioners

- Discussion was on the MIEA;
- Reviewed the minutes of the July MIEA meeting;

Motion made by Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary; to approve the Commissioners Verbal Report as presented by Commissioners; JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Elder Department policies and will get in contact with the Elders Department to find out which policies need to be addressed.

Discussion was held on the MI Indian Tuition Waiver;

Discussion was held on the Resolution banning plastic straws;

Discussion was held on the Eagle Staff, put into the MI State Capitol; the LTBB tribal flag was not present at the last MIEA meeting and the flag should be present at all of the MIEA meetings. Let Mary Roberts know that the LTBB flag needs to taken to the MIEA meeting, and someone to carry the flag (a Veteran).

Discussion and review was held on the Elder Commission 3rd Quarterly Report;

Motion made by Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; to approve the Elders Commission 3rd Quarterly Report as presented; JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Discussion was held on the Food and Utility Reimbursement Policy, letting elders know that the deadline November 30, 2019, is approaching to get your applications turned in to the Elders Department;

Discussion was held on Thanksgiving Dinner on the 28th of November – freezing moon feast – doors open at 12 noon dinner served at 1 p.m.

Motion made by JoAnn Carey, Commissioner; to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m., Lisa Flynn, Vice-Chairman; supports.

5 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 0 Vacant

Motion Carried

Next scheduled meeting will be held on November 6, 2019 at Community Building Heynig Road.

Approved:

Debra Smithkey-Browne, Secretary

Date